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Radio Club of Tacoma, Inc.

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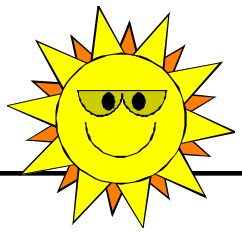
JUNE 2005 EVENTS



JUN 1-Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Clubhouse - All members welcome

License Testing - 7 PM, Clubhouse

JUN 8-Club Meeting - Library Administration Center, 7:30 PM

JUN17- BARK deadline - PLEASE get articles, columns, etc. in by that time!

JUN 22-Club Meeting - Library Administration Center, 7:30 PM

- **JUN 25-26 Field Day-**Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club 8503 Chambers Creek Rd W, University Place
- Support OUR club - Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer.
- Check in to the 2-meter Net every Tuesday night at 7:30, on 147.28. Hear additional information on programs and other events.
- Check in on the 10 Meter Net every Sunday evening, 8 PM, on 28.375 MHz USB

JUNE 2005 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4 Open House 10 a.m.-2p.m.
5 **10 METER NET 28.375 8 P.M.** **W7DK @ the Beach 10:00 a.m.-4:00p.m. Owen Beach, Pt Defiance**	6	7 147.23 NET 7:30 P.M.	8 RCT Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11 Open House 10 a.m.-2p.m. No-code tech class 9:00-5:00
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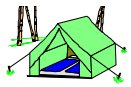
19 10 METER NET 28.375 8 P.M. Father's Day	20	21 147.23 NET 7:30 P.M. Summer	22 RCT Meeting 7:30 p.m.	23	24	25 Field Day 
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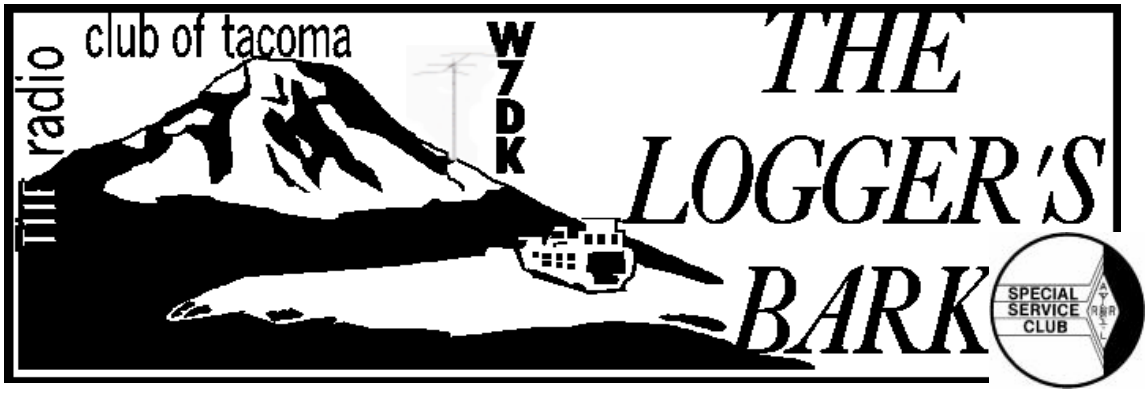

FROM THE PRESIDENT, MICK KK7QS

I'd like to start this month out with a little food for thought. With all the projects going on around the clubhouse, and the need for so much routine maintenance , we are about to find ourselves in need of some creative ways to raise funds. Seems if you look at some of the other types of clubs and groups around here, they don't have any problems pulling together and raising funds for whatever they are in need of. I don't see why it should be any different for us. I would like all of you to give a moment to thought and see if you can think of any ways we might raise some funds. I don't want to hear "raise dues, or ask the members for donations" at least not this time . I would like to hear some ways to have fun and raise money at the same time. There must be hundreds of fund raising ideas that we could take advantage of. If you have any ideas please get a hold of me or any of the board members. Our numbers and e-mail addresses are on the web site, and in the roster. I would actually like to see a "Fund Raising Committee" form. Please feel free to volunteer yourself for this leadership position. This is a committee the club is really in need of. Now is your chance to step up and help the club grow.

The club had it's annual Mothers Day breakfast on Sunday May 15th. Rich / N7ANF, Michael / KB7ZDR, and Frank / AC7JY did a great job seeing to it that everyone got fed. Mike and Frank spent most of their time over a hot grill cooking while Rich made sure the tables were set up with all the necessary items and all our guests were taken care of. Dawn / KC7VZM stopped on here way in and picked up a dozen roses and some bud vases, so each table got a flower to brighten things up. There was lots of good food, (thanks to Jim Wilcox of Wilcox Farms.) and as Rich likes to say, "Lots of good fellowship". Things went very well and we had a good turn out (around 35). The next opportunity to join us for "good food and good fellowship" will be W7DK at the beach on June 5th at Owen beach, Pt. Defiance Park. See you there. 73 de kk7qs

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Thank You Wilcox Farms for Successful Breakfast

The members of The Radio Club of Tacoma would like to give a big thanks to Jim Wilcox, KD7ZBK, of Wilcox Farms in Roy for his donation of dairy products for our Mother's Day breakast.

Jim provided us with a generous donation of liquid eggs, milk, and butter to serve at our annual Mother's Day breakfast. The kitchen staff really appreciated the liquid eggs as this saved everyone a lot of messy work breaking eggs. The flavored milk was also a big hit with all the folks that showed up for breakfast.

Our thanks to Jim for helping make this event a big success. **Thanks Jim!**

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Announcements

11th Annual W7DK @ the Beach

June 5th 10 a.m.— 4 p.m.

Owen Beach Pt Defiance Park

Bring your favorite Dish & Antenna

RCT will provide the Hot dogs and Beverages

Next weekend tech class will be held at the clubhouse on June 11th & 12th

Contact Steve Morton AD7AB for information

253-212-9437

semorton@harbornet.com

FIELD DAY

June 25th-26th

Tacoma Rifle & Revolver Club
8503 Chambers Creek Rd W
University Place WA

CLUB MEETINGS: 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Pierce County Library Administration Building, 3005 - 112th Street East, Tacoma, WA

W7DK/Radio Club of Tacoma

147.28 / .88 MHz (PL 103.5)

147.38 / .98 MHz (PL 103.5)

144.97 - Packet

440.625 / 445.625 (PL 103.5)

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Radio Club of Tacoma Meeting Minutes

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 27, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Mick KK7QS. President Mick KK7QS led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and conducted the interdiction of members and guest. There were 53 members and guest in attendance, the sign in roster is attached. The program for the evening was an update on BPL (Broadband over Power Lines). The presentation was by Ed Bruette N7NVP the ARRL Western Washington Section Manager. BPL continues to cause serious interference to Amateur radio communications where it has been implemented. ARRL proposals to the FCC for mitigate or reducing interference have been ineffective to date. An excellent presentation.
Some members have not yet renewed their membership for 2005. The new rosters are being readied for publication, get those renewal applications in ASAP.
W7DK at the Beach is scheduled for Sunday June 5, 2005. Start getting the antennas ready. Come and enjoy the picnic.
The door prize, an ARRL Repeater directory, was won by Tom KE7BAX and the handy dandy folding box cutter was won by Norm K7DCN. The raffle was won by Steve AE7AB.

A general discussion on the good of the order took place. Jil K7JIL again thanked all for their help and patience on the completion of the kitchen remodel.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM
Respectfully submitted,
CECIL A. BURLESON K7HW
Secretary

BOARD MEETING
MAY 5, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Mick KK7QS
Officers and Board Members Present: President, Mick KK7QS; Secretary, AL K7HW; Treasurer, Pat KD7TRC; Board Members, Gary WG7X, Rodney WV7O, Bill AB7WJ, Frank AC7JY. Visitors: Nick N7MO, John AC&WW, Rick N7ANF, Rich KR7W.
Previous minutes of Apr 6, 2005 were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Nick discussed materials needed to completion the Field Day electrical distribution system. Nick moved that the RCT approve monies not to exceed $250.00 to purchase 200 feet of 8/4 SO cord and fittings. Motion was seconded by Frank AC7JY. Motion carried.
There was discussion on reestablishing the Long Range Planning Committee. There were several members who volunteered to serve on the committee. An individual to Chair the committee and its membership will be announced in the near future. There was discussion on membership renewals and recruiting new members. Some ideas are being instituted, others are under study. A lively discussion was enjoyed on welcoming visitors to the RCT meetings.
NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion on facility maintenance. Immediate items for consideration were squirrels in the attic, rotting storm windows, handicap ramp, roof cleaning. Rich KR7W and Nick N7MO will make a list of needed repairs to the club house, determine priorities, and set things in motion.

The W7DK web site is up and running (www.w7dk.org) all members should visit the site and sign up for the W7DK YAHOO GROUPS. A great way to discuss amateur radio with club members and ask technical questions.
Chuck KA7HJN will represent the Radio Club of Tacoma at the Boy Scout encampment at Eatonville on May 21 and 22, 2005. He is taking radios and antennas. Several members have volunteered to assist.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
CECIL A. BURLESON K7HW
Secretary

ARRL RCT VE Team Report

by John Clarke AC7WW

Tuesday evening May 10, twelve Volunteer Examiners administered Amateur Radio examinations to six candidates. We had one pass element one, three pass element two and two pass element three. One candidate failed to pass element two. Two candidates earned the Technician Class License, and one candidate earned the General Class License.

Thanks to the VE Team members who helped make the testing session run smoothly. Your help is appreciated.

73 John AC7WW

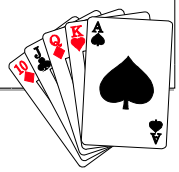
clarken@ix.netcom.com

PINOCHLE & POTLUCK

See you at the clubhouse Saturday , March 5th 6:30P.M.

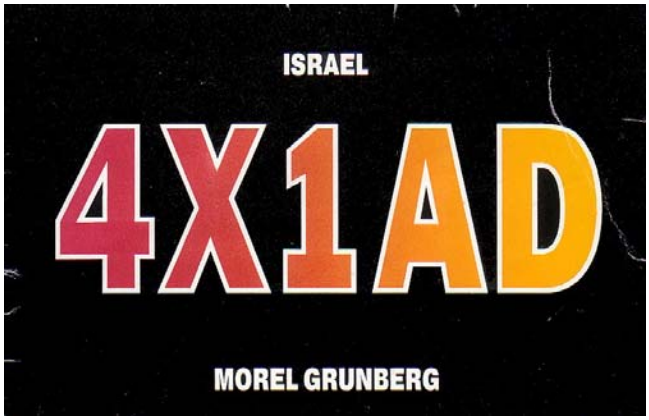
For more info call: 253-759-4898

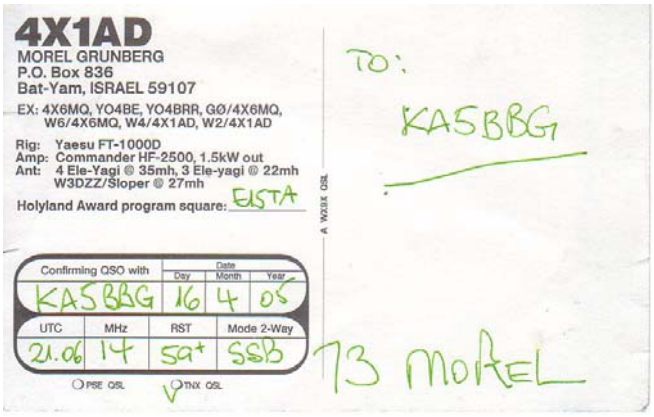
Jack, WA7ENB & Marilyn Moore



QSL CARD OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Armand KA5BBG





Elmer Board

Do you need help with some area in ham radio? Here is a place to start… First is the listing of areas of support, followed by a list of members' areas of interest.

1.Technical questions, Classes
2. Help with Code
3. License Examinations
4. Antenna and Station planning
5. Antenna and Tower erection
6. Buying new or used equipment
7. Equipment repair
8. Understanding and operating your equipment
9. DX and Contests
10. Club and ARRL activities
11. Using test equipment
12. IRLP

Name/Call Sign /Phone Number/ Help with topic

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Angela, KC7EQ	253-584-2228:	2
John, AC7LK	253-984-6709:	3, 4, 8,10, 12
Mick, KK7QS	253-891-6950 :	12

If you are willing to share your time and knowledge with "newbees" and others, let us know and get on the Elmer Board!

RCT VE TESTING

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

AT THE CLUBHOUSE AT 7 P.M.

Anyone wanting to take any element of the amateur radio tests is welcome - ***no reservations needed.***

Project of the Month
by Rich KR7W

HT Battery Discharger Circuit

At our ham radio QTH, we have two Icom Handy-Talkies – IC W32 and an IC T7H, hers and his. These HTs use the same batteries (three of them)… which are charged in a Batteries of America BC-601d charger cup system.

After a while I started to notice that the batteries did not power the HTs for as long as they used to. The Icom HT powers itself off when the battery voltage gets to a predetermined value. One thing led to another and I noticed that the HT shut down battery voltage is not at 100 percent of the battery's capacity. I also found out that Ni-Cad batteries will develop a ***memory effect*** after a while. The memory effect happens when the battery is **not** fully discharged and then is recharged. Lets say that I put my battery in the charger at 40 percent discharged- the HT's shut down point. The charger will charge it back up quickly… and lets say I repeat the 40 percent charging routine a few times. The Ni-Cad battery will now act dead at 40 percent discharge and the remaining 60 percent is unuseable.

The cure to defeating the Ni-Cad memory effect is to completely discharge the battery and recharge it from Zero percent. My battery charger does not have a discharge system built in…. so I developed this circuit to completely discharge the HT batteries. Two 14 volt incandescent lamps are connected across the battery… which discharges my 9.6 or 7.2 volt batteries by operating the SPDT switch.

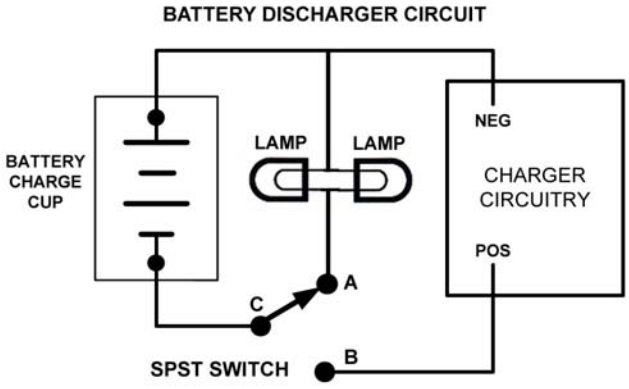
The schematic shows the additions I made to the my charger's cup. I added the two lamps and the SPST switch. When the switch is in the C to A position… the charger circuitry is not connected to the battery, but the two lamps are. The lamps will completely discharge the battery after an hour or so. Added Bonus: When the lamps are discharging the battery… the assembly can be used as a flashlight.

When the switch is in the C to B position… the lamps are disconnected from the battery while the charger circuitry is connected to the batteries.

Your HT battery charger probably is not exactly like mine… but the circuitry should be about the same. All parts to modify my battery charger cup came from Radio Shack.

Parts List:
SPST Switch: RS 275-625
(2) E10 Lamp Holders: RS 272-356
(2) E10 14 volt lamps: RS 272-1127 for 100 ma. Or, RS 272-1134 for 200 milliamp lamps.

Figure 2 shows a photo of how I laid out the add-on components on my charger system.



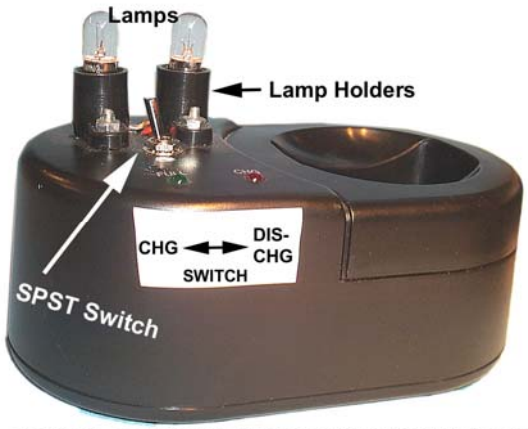


FIGURE 2 - BATTERY CHARGER CUP WITH DISCHARGE CIRCUIT

Every Saturday the Clubhouse is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VISIT THE W7DK WEB SITE
www.w7dk.org

RADIO CLUB of TACOMA
FIELD DAY 2005

Get ready folks its time once again for FIELD DAY!

That's Right! Poindexter, the Radio Club of Tacoma will be participating this year in the 72nd ARRL Field Day exercise.

What is field day? You say. Well, Field Day is many things to many amateurs, to some it is an emergency exercise, testing a group's ability to set up and operate in an emergency situation. To some it's a contest to see how many stations can be contacted on as many bands and with as many different modes as possible. Others may say it's a picnic where one can share fellowship at the Saturday evening Potluck and have an eyeball QSO with one of your long lost ham buddies. No matter what Field Day is to you, it is THE biggest operating event of the year, try not to miss it, you won't be disappointed.

The dates for Field Day 2005 are Saturday June 25th through Sunday June 26th.

Field Day is a 24-hour operating event starting at 11:00 AM on Saturday and ending at 11:00 AM on Sunday. Set up will start on Friday the 24th at the clubhouse at 9:00 AM. Tear down will commence just after the last QSO at 11:00 AM on Sunday.

Once again this year our Field Day activities will be held at the Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Range at 8503 Chambers Creek Road in University Place. We are very pleased to have the use of this facility again this year.

This year W7DK will operate in the 7A-transmitter classification. As of this writing the following people have committed to being "band captains" for the station shown.

80 CW	Gary,	K7EK
75 SSB	Nick,	K7MO
40 CW	Rich,	KR7W
40 SSB	Gary,	WG7X
20 CW	Rick,	W7LKG
20 SSB	Harry,	N7DOE
15 CW/SSB	Roddney,	WV7O
VHF + Satellite	Frank,	KB3NV
GOTA	Ed ?	KC7OKS

In addition to the aforementioned stations, the following people have committed to offer support services.

Food	Rich,	N7ANF
	Michael,	KB7ZDR
Generators	Chuck,	AC7QN
	Roddney,	WV7O
	Allen,	W7AML

Power Distribution	Allen,	W7AML
Alternate Power	Chuck,	AC7QN
Transportation	Gary,	K7UPG
Antenna Shooters	Nick,	K7MO
	Roddney,	WV7O
	Hal,	W7EC
ATV Demo	Gary,	K7EK
ARPS Demo	Gary,	K7EK
Publicity	Todd,	KD7NPT
	Nick,	K7MO

We need folks to volunteer shelters for the various stations.

Band Captains will be contacting operators to set up operating schedules. If you would like to operate a particular station or mode, please contact the Band Captain of the station that interests you. New this year is that you must be a club member in good standing to operate a station at field day. So get those dues paid up and join the fun.

If there is some activity that you are interested in but think that you don't have the skills….. Please volunteer and you will be paired up with some one that can show you how. Everyone who comes out to help always has fun and learns.

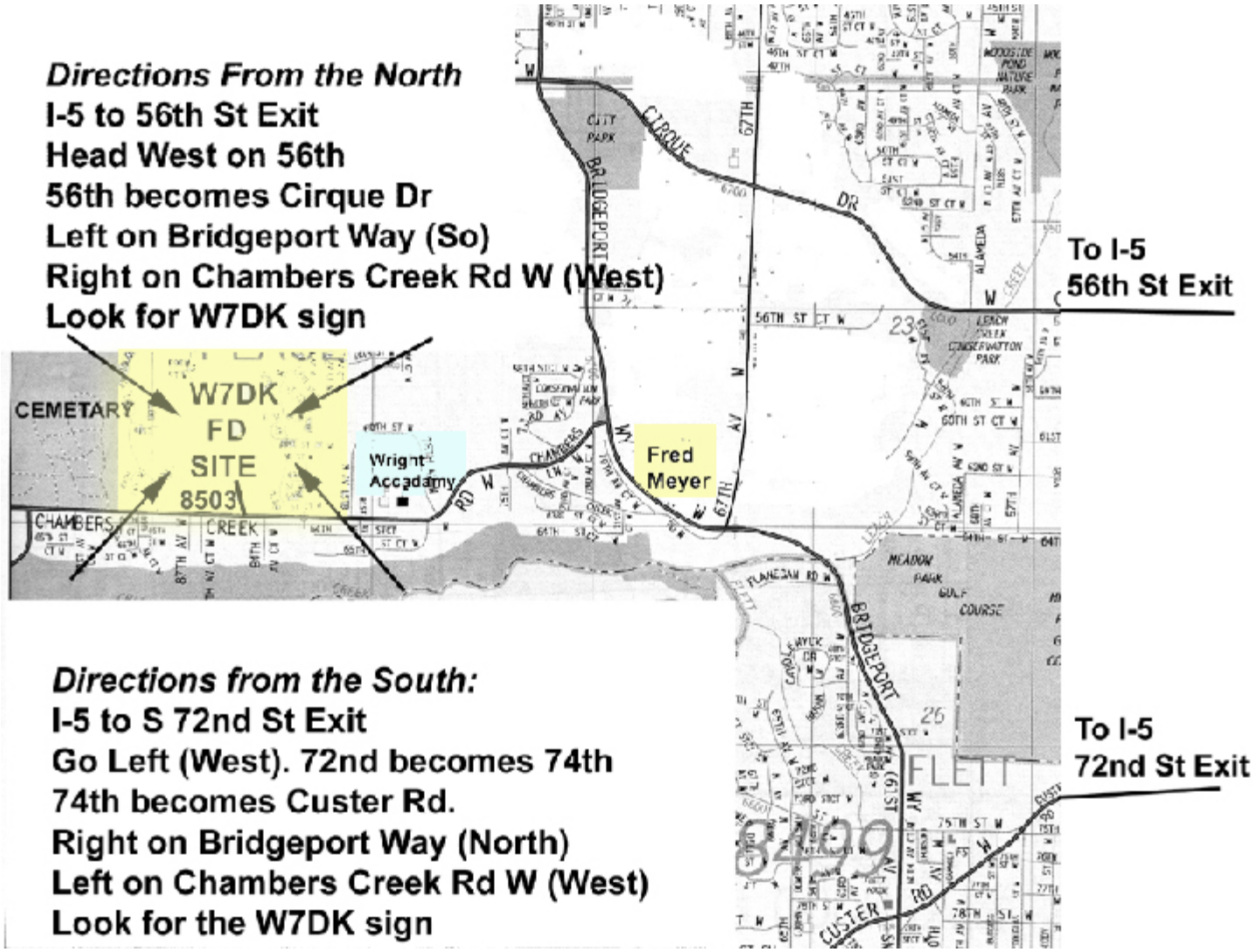
On Saturday May 21st there will be a Field Day work detail at the club house, generators, antennas and the power distribution system will be checked out, tweaked and peaked.

A map to the field day site is included in this issue of the Bark and can also be found on the RCT website, www.w7dk.org.

This year W7DK can earn an additional 100-point bonus by having participant's 18 years old or under make a contact. (20 points each)

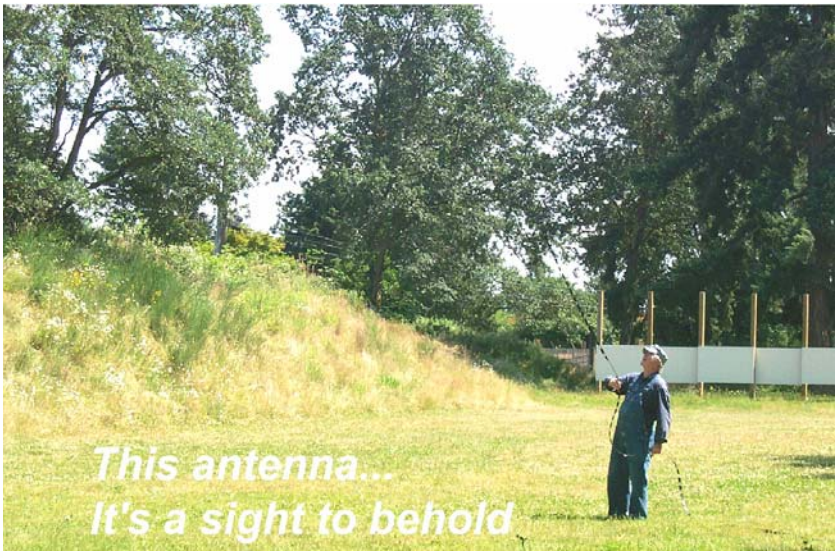
If you should have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact FD director Nick Winter, K7MO or our Deputy FD Director, Rich Patrick, KR7W.

Directions to the W7DK Field Day Site



Help Support Field Day 2005

Purchase a 2004 FD Slide Show Disk. Procedes will purchase salmon for the potluck dinner. $10.00 See Rich KR7W kr7w@arrl.net or call 253.274.8657



What Do you Do with A Rubber Ducky? By Rich N7ANF

Well here we are, It's June already. Time flies like an arrow and fruit flies like a banana. Or did I use that one before? I guess that means we're having fun. At least I was. (every day I'm ahead one more).

May was sure fun, with Spring and a new Kitchen and Mothers day Beakfast. We had help from Mike, KA7ZDR, Frank and Jill, AC7JY and K7JIL, who came to help break in the new kithen. Thanks so much, you all made it so easy. And there was KD7ZBK, Jim Wilcox whose company donated all the eggs Milk and butter. Thank you Jim. And speaking of giving, the Moms Day Breakfast donations were up this year. Also the coffee fund is in the BLACK and I thank you all for that. It sure is going to help with the balance of the breakfast expences. It runs about $60 to $70 to put on.

So now to June and all the activities. DK at the beach. Please stand behind Bud K7BUD and his significant other, Joyce. They will need help with setup and clean up, and bring all your good food for potluck, and antennas too. Bud will have all the info in here somewhere.

Field Day. Come and have a blast with the antenna set up, the radio operation, the fellowship, and of course the food. Come also and bring your potluck for Sat. the 25th, 6PM dinner, and maybe a little extra for Sunday tear-down. We'll have soda and sandwiches for Sat. noon setup and Sunday the 26th tear-down. We will have a donation can to help with the lunches, which will go back to the club field day fund.

Well that takes care of this Month. Get involved and have fun.

Rich N7ANF...73 for now.

RCT Members!
Join the W7DK
YAHOO!
email group

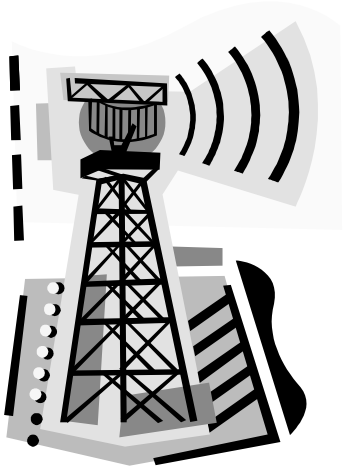
to share ideas and communicate with each other.

surf to this site and sign up!
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/w7dk/

Thanks, Rich KR7W, your web geek

Thanks to Everyone for sending your Bark article early this month! It'll really be nice to relax on vacation and not worry about it!

Dawn KC7VZM



Pacific Northwest Hamfests

From the website of Lynne Burlingame N7CFO

June 3, 4, 5 2005. Apple City Radio Club Hamfest, Dryden Gun club. Dryden, WA. Free RV and tent sites, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday night potluck dinner. This is a fun one - it is informal, and you will find a lot of nice folks camped out in tents and RV's around the clubhouse. It is relaxed and low key and a good chance to see your friends. Leavenworth is just down the road. When I go I usually make a loop out of it, going out over Snoqualmie Pass and returning over Stevens Pass, so there is a lot of scenery to see. There are a lot of kids there, and the club feeds are great. To get there go to the intersection of Hiway 2 and Hiway 97 and look for the signs. VE testing. Talk in 146.68, tone 156.7. Flyer in PDF. (55K). Contact Judy, ka7zna@msn.com for information. http://www.qsl.net/w7td/ .

June 11, 2005. Hamfest 2005. Kootenai Amateur Radio Society. Lions Club, Hiway 53, Rathdrum, ID. Free overnight parking for self-contained RV's. Breakfast and lunch available on Saturday. Free entrance and free tables (first come first serve), VE Exams. Talk in 146.98/.38 . For more info contact Jim, N7ESU at (208)667-4915 or email n7esu@arrl.net . Flyer in PDF. (26K)

June 17-19, 2005. Sea-Pac Hamfest. Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon. This is the ARRL Northwest Division convention, and it is a popular one! Seaside is a popular resort area, and the family and kids will enjoy touring the area while the ham in the family attends the festivities. Exhibitors Call: Al Berg, W7SIC (503)816-7098. Registration info call Will Sheffield, N7THL. (503)642-7314. Email n7thl@juno.com . www.seapac.org/.

July 15-17, 2005. Glacier Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest. The Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Hamfest will once again welcome amateurs from the U.S. and Canada at the Glacier Meadows (Formerly the Three Forks) Campground near Essex, Montana. The Hamfest is always held on the third full weekend in July. Further Information about past hamfairs can be found at: http://www.gwhamfest.org/

July 30, 2005. Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society Hamfest. Lewis County Fair Grounds, Chehalis, WA. There will be in an outdoor covered area with tables available and tailgate space for those that want to provide their own. For additional details, contact John Ellingson, K7OSK, k7osk@boatanchor.com . Flyer in PDF (29K)

August 7, 2005. Jefferson Amateur Radio Society (Jars). 23rd Annual Swap and Potluck. Lake Selmac, Oregon. Lake Selmac is located about 20 miles SW of Grants Pass, OR on hwy 100/ www.jars-orca.org. For information call, Stever grajeda, WB6YQP, (541)479-4772. wb6yqp@rascals.org. Flyer in PDF. (39K)

August 13, 2005. Hamfest - Swapmeet. Bandon, OR. **(Note new date!!!)** Located at the "Barn" (Bandon's Community Center). Sponsored by the Coos County Radio Club. Flea market, VE sessions, Vendors & Door prizes. Contact Paul, K7AIA at (541)888-2050 or k7aia@arrl.net . Flyer in PDF. (53K)

August 13, 2005. Radio Club of Tacoma Hamfest and Electronics Fleamarket 2005! 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Bethel Junior High School, 22001 38th Ave E., Spanaway, WA. $5.00 admission fee, Table fee: $20 non-commercial $30 commercial . Contact Frank E Palmer, AC7JY, (253)539-7772 or email AC7JY@msn.com. www.w7dk.org

Mini-Swap Meet at the Clubhouse

Last Saturday of each month Mini Swap Meet at the Clubhouse ...
10 a.m. to 2 p.m....There will be food (hot dogs, etc.) ...Bring in your items you want to swap or sell or stop by to see what others bring.

THANK YOU! GRACIAS! DONKA! MERCI!

By Frank AC7JY and Jill K7JIL

I can't think of enough ways to say thank you to so many who helped build a new kitchen for the RCT. Many had doubts that it would ever get started, let alone get completed. I for one was a bit worried, but I knew that once we tore out the old, that we could only go forward. And we did.

First we needed $$$ to get started. The Board had approved a spending budget of approx $1000. Many generous members stepped forward to help donate. Ed & Gwen Root; Angela Korn; Roger Terwilliger; Chuck & Joanne Souter; Jerry Seligman; Mick & Dawn Pier; Roger Holme; Rob Stewart and Frank & myself. Thank you so much!!!

It all began on a Friday evening. Some of us ladies began boxing up the kitchen stuff. The copier was relocated in the grading room along with the pop machine. The next day, many helped tear out the old kitchen. The prepping and painting was first on the list. The final decision on the color for the walls came from Mike KB7ZDR who was forced to choose from a variety of "peachy" shades. He finally picked "Sun Kissed Peach" (because he liked the name) and don't let anyone tell you it is a shade of pink!!

Floor preparations came next. It was dusty, back breaking work. On a Sunday morning we were ready to put the glue on the floor and let it set. Frank put down the first tile. 13 hours later Ed KC7OKS was *#$!#@* at a few corner pieces left to put down. We skated across the new clean floor in our socks a few times just for fun.

Trim work needed done all around. And of course we would all still be in the dark today if it had not been for Mike KB7ZDR and his crew putting in many hours of electrical work for the kitchen.

All the cabinets and appliances were piled into the testing room for awhile and I wondered if the clubhouse would ever look the same.

Piece by piece, some sawing, some staining and some straining the cupboards came together and appliances were put in place. Countertops were built and counter topping was glued on. A sink was put in and the plumbing was finished. We now had hot and cold water in the kitchen!

A backsplash later, a teapot and soap dispenser gave it some final touches. The floor was carefully spot cleaned of all smudges and a couple more coats of wax were put down.

Kitchen supplies were put back into the cupboards and organized. John AC7WW and wife Connie generously donated some beautiful dishcloths and dishtowels. Steve KD7UBE brought in a large marble cutting board. Don't forget to look at the artwork on the window done by Dawn KC7VZM. It was ready to be used! And use it we did! We celebrated on April 23rd with a potluck. Many enjoyed the food, company and new kitchen.

Thank you to each and everyone who helped make this possible.: Al N7OMS and his wife; Mick KK7QS, Dawn KC7VZM; Ed KC7OKS; Gwen KD7NES; Michael KB7ZDR; Al K7HW; Jessica KC7ZWM; Pete KK7QW; Lyn K7OKS; Diane W7SIM; Bill KB7IHB; Larry KD7TQW; David AD7BK; Steve WB7LKI; Reidar NS7SN; Bud K7BUD; John AC7WW; Adam KD7TQX; Joe ; Steve KD7UBE; Steve AD7AB; Peter AD7EU; Rodney WV7O; Armand KA5BBG; Kitty-No Call; Jack W7IMW;Mike W7MSX; Bob K7IND.

There were so many that helped us that we might have neglected to mention them on this list, however they are appreciated as well!

KITCHEN EXPENSES	
Donations	**745.49**
RCT funds	**610.60**
TILE	$200
FUEL TO IDAHO	$60
FOOD FOR WORKERS	$47
WALL & FLOOR PREP	$36.74
PAINT & FLOOR	$73.83
PLUMBING	$46.45
PLUMBING	$10.81
STAIN	$7.06
SCREWS & CASTERS	$16.92
PLUMBING	$12.68
PLUMBING	$0.83
MISC--Ace hardware	$28.64
HARBOR FREIGHT	$48.92
PAINT,SCREWS	$44.79
WALLBASE	$21.72
HOTWATER HEATER	$193.66
WALLBASE & TRIM	$60.21
GLOVES, TARPS, SAND	$22.90
WAX, MOP, MINWAX	$20.47
GARBAGE DISPOSAL	$43.75
KNEE PADS, PT BRUSHES	$9.75
BLADES, BROOM	$13.36
ADSV, BRUSHES, SCREWS	$10.67
COUNTERTOPS & GLUE	$114.00
MORE COUNTERTOP	$33.00
PLYWOOD	$128.62
GLUE ROLLER & DOWELLS	$8.30
ROUTER BIT FOR COUNTER	$24.41
MOULDING/BACKSPLASH & NAILS, FLOOR RUGS	$76.60
TOTAL COST	**$1,356.09**

Web Geek News

KR7W Right Side Up

A Request to the Membership from the W7DK Website Administrator

I want to encourage every Radio Club of Tacoma member to join the W7DK Yahoo email group. So far 10 members (out of 200 or so) have joined and are posting questions, giving answers, and sharing their interest in our club.

What is a Yahoo email group?... you might be wondering…. Here's what ***Yahoo says***:

"Yahoo! Groups is a free service that allows you to bring together family, friends, and associates through a web site and email group. Yahoo! Groups offer a convenient way to connect with others who share the same interests and ideas.

There are millions of groups that you can join in an easy-to-use, privacy-protected, and spam-protected environment. You can use the Yahoo! Groups service at our web site or through any email program."

Here's what Rich says: I belong to about 15 yahoo groups that are ham radio related. They include: Elecraft Radios, HF Pack (pedestrian mobile), Icom 756, South Wahkiakim Contest Club, QRP, and more. I receive a daily digest of emails that other group members have posted. Just about all of the ham radio related messages are interesting to me.

The above Yahoo statement that it's free, easy-to-use, private, and spam protected is absolutely correct.

To sign up… you have to create yourself a yahoo.com email address. Most people use their callsign@yahoo.com. [Example: kr7w@yahoo.com] Once signed up, you can direct your W7DK group messages to any email address- it does not have to be Yahoo. One more thing: You can choose to NOT receive any email messages at all, to see the messages… go to the yahoo group website and view them there.

Here's the web address to sign up [or check out what it's all about]**:**
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/w7dk/ or go to www.w7dk.org and follow the link on the main page. I hope all members will take the time to do this. It's a good way to unify the membership and support your club by communicating. Hey Joe, just do it. ***Thanks, de Rich KR7W.***

Book Review: "The Kite that Won the Revolution" by Isaac Asimov. article by: Glenda Kleppin

(from Washington Kiteflyers Assn.)

It is fun to just check through the list of kite books in any library you might visit. At the library on Fort Lewis, I recently discovered a true gem of a book, written in 1963 by one of our generation's foremost science authors. The book was written for kids of about 4th grade, but explained, in simple language, scientific concepts that I have never before really understood--like electricity. (Now I know why that generation is so much smarter than I am.)
But the absolutely outstanding part of the book, for purposes of the kite community, is Asimov's hypothesis that, without Benjamin Franklin's kite experiments, France would never have helped the American colonist win their War of Independence. As the book explains, Franklin became world famous for his kite experiments because they led to the general use of lightening rods, not just in the Americas but all over Europe. As Asimov states, Franklin made himself the only American known by name to the cultivated men of Europe.
When it became apparent the colonists needed help to win independence, Franklin made the difficult journey to France and appealed to the aristocracy for their support. Asimov tells us that these aristocrats "could not get enough of him. He charmed them all, and all they wanted to do was help that old man and his country." He goes on to avow: "It was Franklin's kite that allows us to live in an independent United States of America today."

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Liaison/Contact: John Clarke, AC7WW
3616 South D St
Tacoma, WA 98418-6812
253-475-5854
clarken@ix.netcom.com

Walk Ins are Welcome. Pre-Registration Not Required

Tuesday January 11, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday February 8, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday March 8, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday April 12, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday May 10, 2005 7:00 PM

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Saturday August 13, 2005 10:00 AM RCT Flea Market located at Bethel Junior High School In Spanaway, WA

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